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**TRANSMITTAL LETTER TO THE UNITED STATES
DESIGNATED/ELECTED OFFICE (DO/EO/US)
CONCERNING A FILING UNDER 35 U.S.C. 371**

U.S. APPLICATION NO. (If known, see 37 CFR 1.5)

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INTERNATIONAL APPLICATION NO.

PCT/EP/2004/007796

INTERNATIONAL FILING DATE

July 14, 2004

PRIORITY DATE CLAIMED

August 8, 2003

TITLE OF INVENTION

BUS COUPLING WITHOUT PLUG CONNECTIONS FOR AUTOMATION DEVICES

APPLICANT(S) FOR DO/EO/US

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Applicant herewith submits to the United States Designated/Elected Office (DO/EO/US) the following items and other information:

1. ☒ This is a **FIRST** submission of items concerning a filing under 35 U.S.C. 371.
2. ☐ This is a **SECOND** or **SUBSEQUENT** submission of items concerning a filing under 35 U.S.C. 371.
3. ☒ This express request to begin national examination procedures (35 U.S.C. 371(f)) at any time rather than delay examination until the expiration of the applicable time limit set in 35 U.S.C. 371(b) and PCT Articles 22 and 39 (1).
4. ☒ The US has been elected by the expiration of 19 months from the priority date (Article 31).
5. ☒ A copy of the International Application as filed (35 U.S.C. 371(c)(2))
 - a. ☒ is transmitted herewith (required only if not transmitted by the International Bureau). **WO 2005/018141 A2, A3**
 - b. ☒ has been transmitted by the International Bureau.
 - c. ☐ is not required, as the application was filed in the United States Receiving Office (RO/US).
6. ☒ An English language translation of the International Application as filed (35 U.S.C. 371(c)(2)).
 - a. ☒ is transmitted herewith.
 - b. ☐ has been previously submitted under 35 U.S.C. 154(d)(4)
7. ☒ Amendments to the claims of the International Application under PCT Article 19 (35 U.S.C. 371(c)(3)).
 - a. ☐ are transmitted herewith (required only if not transmitted by the International Bureau).
 - b. ☐ have been transmitted by the International Bureau.
 - c. ☐ have not been made; however, the time limit for making such amendments has NOT expired.
 - d. ☒ have not been made and will not be made.
8. ☐ An English language translation of the amendments to the claims under PCT Article 19 (35 U.S.C. 371(c)(3)).
9. ☒ An oath or declaration of the inventor(s) (35 U.S.C. 371(c)(4)).
10. ☐ An English language translation of the annexes of the International Preliminary Examination Report under PCT Article 36 (35 U.S.C. 371(c)(5)).

Items 11. to 20. below concern document(s) or information included:

11. ☒ An Information Disclosure Statement under 37 CFR 1.97 and 1.98-1.449, International Search Report (PCT/ISA/210) in English and PTO Form 1449 listing two references and a written opinion and submitting German written opinion.
12. ☒ An assignment document for recording. A separate cover sheet in compliance with 37 CFR 3.28 and 3.31 is included.
13. ☒ A **FIRST** preliminary amendment.
14. ☐ A **SECOND** or **SUBSEQUENT** preliminary amendment.
15. ☐ A substitute specification.
16. ☐ A change of power of attorney and/or address letter.
17. ☐ A computer-readable form of the sequence listing in accordance with PCT Rule 13ter.2 and 35 U.S.C. 1.821-1.825.
18. ☐ A second copy of the published international application under 35 U.S.C. 154(d)(4).
19. ☐ A second copy of the English language translation of the international application under 35 U.S.C. 154(d)(4).
20. ☒ Other items or information: Two sheets of formal drawings

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21. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> The following fees are submitted: PCT FEES – NATIONAL STAGE: <table style="width:100%;"> <tr> <th style="text-align: left;">Fee Code</th> <th style="text-align: left;">Description</th> <th style="text-align: left;">Fee</th> </tr> <tr> <td>1631</td> <td>Basic National Stage Fee.....</td> <td>\$300.00</td> </tr> <tr> <td>1632</td> <td>National Stage Search Fee.....</td> <td>\$400.00</td> </tr> <tr> <td></td> <td>(International Search Report Prepared and Provided)</td> <td></td> </tr> <tr> <td>1633</td> <td>National Stage Examination Fee.....</td> <td>\$200.00</td> </tr> </table> ENTER APPROPRIATE FEE AMOUNT =				Fee Code	Description	Fee	1631	Basic National Stage Fee.....	\$300.00	1632	National Stage Search Fee.....	\$400.00		(International Search Report Prepared and Provided)		1633	National Stage Examination Fee.....	\$200.00	CALCULATIONS PTO USE ONLY <table style="width:100%;"> <tr> <td style="width:10%;">\$</td> <td style="width:40%;">900.00</td> <td style="width:50%;"></td> </tr> </table>		\$	900.00	
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Fee for recording the enclosed assignment (37 CFR 1.21(h)). The assignment must be accompanied by an appropriate cover sheet (37 CFR 3.28, 3.31). \$40.00 per property +				\$	0.00
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a. ☒ A check in the amount of \$ 900.00 to cover the above fees is enclosed.

b. ☐ Please charge my Deposit Account. No. 08-0750 in the amount of \$ _____ to cover the above fees.
A triplicate copy of this sheet is enclosed.

c. ☒ The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees which may be required, or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 08-0750.

NOTE: Where an appropriate time limit under 37 CFR 1.494 or 1.495 has not been met, a petition to revive (37 CFR 1.137(a) or (b)) must be filed and granted to restore the application to pending status.

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